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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to regulate the Granting of Pensions to Persons retiring from the Public Service of the Colony. Title.

WHEREAS it is desirable that the laws now in force which provide for the granting of pensions or other superannuation allowances to persons retiring from the public service should be amended in manner following:— Preamble.

BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1. The Short Title of this Act is "The Pensions Act, 1883." Short Title.

2. From and after the passing of this Act no pension, superannuation or other annual retiring allowance, of any kind or character whatsoever, shall be granted to any person retiring from the public service of this colony, excepting in accordance with the provisions hereof. Pensions only to be granted under this Act.

3. No such pension, superannuation allowance, or other annual retiring allowance, shall be granted without the knowledge of the said General Assembly. General Assembly to be notified of intention to grant pension.

4. Whenever any person shall retire from the public service of the colony, or shall from any cause whatever cease to be employed in such service, it shall not be lawful to grant or allow to such person any pension, superannuation allowance, or other annual retiring allowance, unless and until the proposal to grant such pension or allowance shall have been notified to the said General Assembly in Parliament assembled. Notification.

5. At the same time that any such notification shall be made, there shall be placed before the said General Assembly an official report by the Controller and Auditor-General upon the case of the person affected by such notification; and no action shall be taken to procure the granting of such pension, superannuation allowance, or other annual retiring allowance referred to in such notification and report, until the end of the session of the said General Assembly during which such notification and report shall be given and made. Report on case to be laid on table.

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6. In case any person enjoying any superannuation or retiring allowance shall be appointed to fill any office in any public department, or shall in any other way become the recipient of money paid out of the colonial revenue by way of salary or allowance, every such first-mentioned superannuation or retiring allowance shall cease to be paid for any period subsequent to such appointment 5 during the time that he holds the same, if the annual amount of the profits of the office or other appointment or emolument to which he has become entitled shall be equal to those of the office formerly held by him; and, in case they shall not be equal to those of his former office, then no more of such superannuation allowance shall be paid to him than what, with the salary of his new 10 appointment or other emolument, shall be equal to that of his former office.

Repeal.

7. Every law now in force in this colony having reference to the granting of such pensions, superannuation allowances, or other annual retiring allowances, is, so far as such law shall be repugnant to the provisions of this Act, hereby 15 repealed.